

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

This certainly would as a device that would allow me to make copys for personal use would be very costly.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

My guess is that this "digial" content that you have paid for once will only be viewable on that one unit, it's not fair to have to pay over and over even though you have it in your personal possision.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

This would render all old equipment usless and be very costly for a general consumer.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

You bet it would, if it is anything like CSS it would vastly hinder the "small" guy to be able to make and produce compatibe equipment, we need compition to be able to have a fair and thriving market place. We have seen what MicroSoft has done for other software development firms, they haven't been able to compete in that market.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

No one would buy it, you would have to give it away, this is very much like the DIVX standard, that died very quickly as should this.

Other Comments:

My stance on this is that we need to develop new and better technoliges rather then criple them when they are just in their crawling stages.